

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LISBON 03215 230808Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 /054 W

-----231506Z 092622 /43

R 221810Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1071

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMCONSUL OPORTO

AMEMBASSY PAIRS

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

USMISSION NATO

DIA WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LISBON 3215

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT PO

SUBJECT: PORTUGAL PREPARES FOR APRIL 25 OBSERVANCES

REF: (A) DAO LISBON IR 6 879 0165 77 (DTG 22153Z APR 77) (NOTAL)

(B) DAO LISBON IR 6 879 0162 77 (DTG 210900Z APR 77) (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE APRIL 25 COUP WILL BE MARKED WITH APPROPRIATE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM: THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MARKING THE THIRD ANNIVERSAR OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE SALAZARCAETANO DICTATORSHIP INCLUDES:

(A) APRIL 24:

-- A CULTURAL EVENING, FEATURING MUSIC AND POETRY, AT A

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LISBON 03215 230808Z

LISBON COLISEUM WITH PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME MINISTER SOARES ATTENDING.

-- A RESISTANCE EXHIBITION AT A LISBON FAIRGROUND. SOARES WILL ATTEND.

-- A SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN LISBON BY EX-MILITARY MEN DISCIPLINED FOLLOWING THE NOV 75 COUNTERCOUP.

(B) APRIL 25:

-- A MILITARY PARADE IN DOWNTOWN LISBON AND AN AIR FORCE FLY-BY. PRESIDENT EANES WILL DELIVER THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS AT THIS, THE FOCAL POINT OF THE DAY'S FESTIVITIES.  
-- A CEREMONY AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT :00 PM WITH SPEECHES BY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT VASCO DE GAMA FERNANDES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE PARTIES IN THE ASSEMBLY. PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME MINISTER ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO SPEAK.  
-- A YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM ARRANGED BY THE LISBON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

2. PARTY ACTIVITIES: BOTH THE SOCIALISTS AND THE COMMUNISTS PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS.  
-- THE PCP AND ITS FEPU FRONT PLAN A RALLY AT THE EDWARD VII PARK IN LISBON FOLLOWING THE MILITARY PARADE.  
-- THE SOCIALISTS HAVE SCHEDULED A RALLY AT THE LISBON BULL RING AND A SERIES OF PICNICS IN THE LISBON ENVIRONS.  
-- THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC PARTIES HAVE ADVISED THEIR ACTIVISTS TO TURN OUT FOR THE OFFICIAL EVENTS.  
-- THE PRP HAS SET THE TONE FOR THE FAR-LEFT BY DECLARING APRIL 25 A "DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING."

3. COMMENT: PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM FOR THE APRIL 25 OBSERVANCE WILL BE DAMPENED SOMEWHAT BY THE INCREASING BITE OF ECONOMIC MEASURES AND A DESIRE BY THE PARTIES TO CONSERVE ASSETS FOR THE MAY DAY OBSERVANCES JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

4. THE APRIL 25 MILITARY PARADE WILL BE THE BIGGEST--AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 LISBON 03215 230808Z

THE ARMED FORCES HOPE THE BEST-DISPLAY OF MILITARY STRENGTH SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE OLD REGIME. WE UNDERSTAND THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE INTEND TO GIVE A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE PARADE TO EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE USG.  
OKUN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INDEPENDENCE, COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS, SOCIAL RECEPTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 22-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977LISBON03215  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770142-0689  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** LISBON  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770430/aaaaazaq.tel  
**Line Count:** 102  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 122f8ea0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 26-Aug-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2726752  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PORTUGAL PREPARES FOR APRIL 25 OBSERVANCES  
**TAGS:** PINT, PO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/122f8ea0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009